Establishment of Helicopter Division under DGCA

4196. SHRIMATI SUKHBUNS KAUR: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether despite the fact that there are some 130 helicopters in operation in the country, there is no helicopters division duly set up with Government, nor is there any regular helicopter pilot training facility in place;

(b) if so, at what stage the proposal for setting up a helicopter division under the Directorate General of Civil Aviation has been pending and since when it is so pending; and

(c) whether following the helicopter accident involving the life of the former Lok Sabha Speaker Shri G.M.C. Balayogi, it was decided to hold refresher and training courses for chopper pilots, if so, the steps since taken in that direction?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) and (b) In civil *ab-initio* helicopter pilot training is presently carried out at Rotary Wing Academy (RWA) at HAL Bangalore. Majority of helicopter pilots are trained in defence establishments. For training on specific type of helicopters the pilots go to manufacturer of that type of helicopter.

The proposal for setting up of helicopter cell in office of DGCA is under consideration of the Government.

(c) Refresher courses are compulsory for all the pilots flying in the country. Regarding *ab-initio* training a committee consisting of experienced pilots was formed. The committee has compiled the training syllabus for specific roles. DGCA is examining this report.

Report of the Irani Panel on new Company Law

4197. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY: Will the Minister of COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether JJ Irani Panel has looked into modifications required based on the suggestions received from industry, regulators, institutions, experts, etc. on the concept of the proposed new Company Law;

(b) if so, what are the recommendations made by the panel;

(c) whether it is a fact that the penalty imposed in case of mis-statement